GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:148
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2003
UTILISATION OF RAILWAY LAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land under Railways as on date, State-wise;

(b) the area of unused land under Railways, State-wise;

(c) whether the Railways have any plan to utilise such land;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the surplus land is likely to be utilised;

(e) the revenue earned by the Railways from commercial utilisation of Railway land during the last three years;

(f) the area of Railway land encroached upon by unauthorised persons, State-wise; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to remove these encroachments?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.148 BY SHRI C. N. SINGH AND SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.02.2003 REGARDING UTILISATION OF RAILWAY LAND.

(a), (b) & (f): State-wise details of land data are not maintained.

The zone-wise details of total land holding on Indian Railways, unused land and land under encroachment are as under:-

(In Hectares)

Zonal Railway	Total land	Unused land	Land under encroachment
Central	49371	3114	130
Eastern	19265	1531	97
East Central	33561	1328	42
Northern	45306	2997	1179
North Eastern	26032	948	47
Northeast Frontier	43223	2831	230
North Western	27749	955	37
Southern	33207	2200	77
South Central	33148	2209	50
South Eastern	78040	501	255
Western	34305	2251	74
TOTAL	423207	20865	2218

(c) and (d): The vacant railway land if not required for immediate operational and maintenance purposes, is utilised for short-term licensing for purposes connected with railway working (e.g. bulk oil installations, sidings etc.), afforestation, cultivation and commercial plantation.

(e): Earnings from land utilisation during last three years are:-

(Rs. in crore)
1999-2000 30.37 2000-2001 94.49 2001-2002 233.53 #
Includes Rs. 131 crore arrears of licence fee received from Oil Companies.

(g): Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to remove encroachments from their land as per provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, and the Railways Act, 1989.